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South Vietnam: There are tenuous indications that some North Vietnamese units may be withdrawing from the Dak To area.

A portion of the headquarters group of the 1st North Vietnamese Division apparently moved from western Kontum Province back across the Cambodian border on 23 November.

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Recent enemy activity in the central highlands, including the determined stand of the 174th North Vietnamese Regiment on Hill 875, could have been designed to relieve pressure on elements of the 1st Division and cover their withdrawal.

North Vietnam: The Paul Doumer Bridge on the main rail-highway route from China to Hanoi is apparently once again open to truck traffic.

The bridge was last hit on 25 October. Two spans were dropped at that time, and the gap has now been repaired by the use of prefabricated concrete spans resting on new piers. This particular gap in the bridge was entirely over land. Athird span dropped last August in mid-river was repaired by using removable decking. While this method is less substantial than the use of prefabricated spans, it apparently can support both trucks and rolling stock.

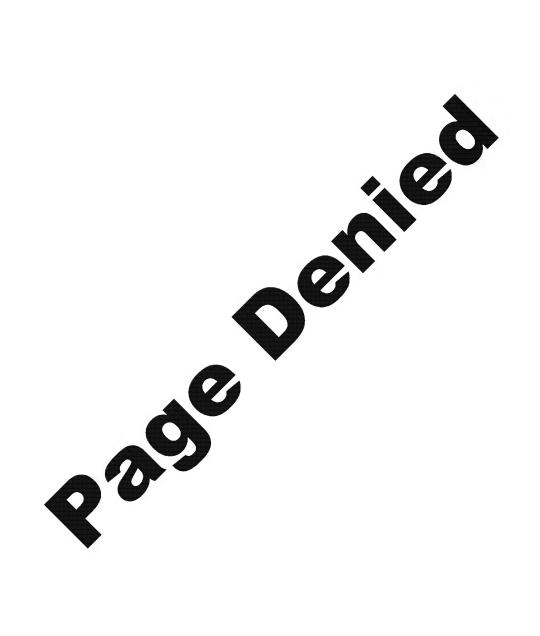
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